

Agri-techno workshop & buyer-seller meet held

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The Indian Institute of Management Nagpur, in collaboration with the Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board (MSAMB) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), conducted a two-day 'Agri-technology workshop' and 'Buyer-Seller Meet' designed to benefit the state's Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

The event was a part of the MAGNET project, a joint venture between MSAMB and ADB aimed at empowering FPOs in Maharashtra by granting them access to the latest agricultural technological advancements. In line with this objective, the project team had planned a series of cutting-edge workshops and buyer-seller meets recently



Divisional deputy project director, MAGNET Ajay Kadu, project director, MAGNET Deepak Shinde, director, IIMN Dr Bhimaraya Metri, manager, KPMG Megha Pandey during Agri-technology workshop' and 'Buyer-Seller Meet'

The MAGNET project had set several ambitious goals, including strengthening the institutional capacities of agribusiness and FPOs, enhancing the financial and agribusiness capacities of FPOs and Value Chain Operators (VCOs) and improving and operationalising the agriculture value chain infrastructure. The project is aimed to provide comprehensive sup-

port to agribusiness institutions, FPOs, community managed resource Centres (CMRCs) and other VCOs through grants and facilitating financial intermediation loans. The state government had estimated that a staggering \$142.9 million would be required to achieve these objectives, of which ADB had funded \$100 million through its ordinary capital resources.